

# HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

FALL 2022



Dear Friend:

Throughout our state's history, servicemen and women across Michigan have answered our nation's call to duty with honor. I remain committed to serving those heroes who have kept our country free by doing all I can to see that they have the support and services they have earned.

This report, *Honoring All Who Served*, provides legislative news and updates for veterans and their families, along with important contact information to better access benefits and services. I hope you find it useful.

As always, please contact me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions on how we can better serve those who have served.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed McBroom".



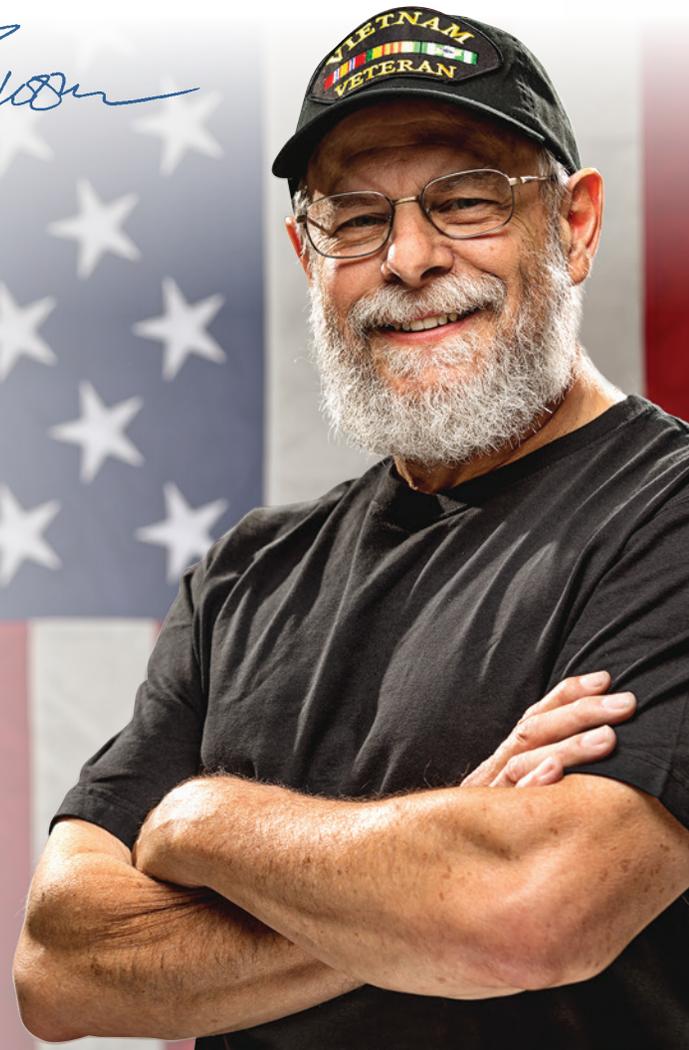
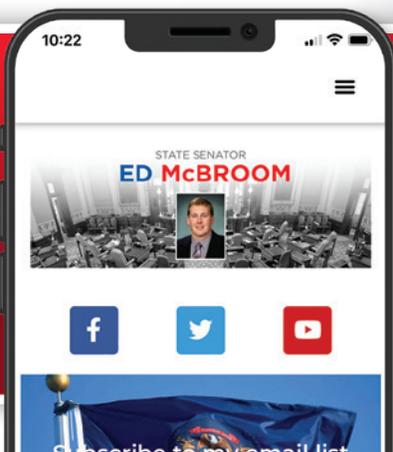
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# HIRING OUR HEROES

Hiring Our Heroes is a national program that works to connect service members, military spouses, and veterans with American businesses with immediate job openings. HOH hosts hiring events and offers comprehensive education and networking programs to help members of the military community connect with companies that are ready to hire.

HOH works with state and local chambers of commerce to invite businesses and organizations — both large and small and from both the private and public sectors — to participate in virtual hiring fairs. Other events, such as panel discussions and career summits, are held on military installations or in local communities around the U.S. and can be attended virtually. HOH also maintains a military spouse professional network with resources designed specifically for military spouses. There is no cost for job seekers or employers to register or attend any Hiring Our Heroes event. Visit [www.hiringourheroes.org](http://www.hiringourheroes.org) for more information or to find the next Virtual Hiring Fair.

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### MCBROOM SUPPORTS IMPROVEMENTS AND NEW VETERANS HOME

**House Bill 5783** includes authorization for construction projects to ensure the state's veterans get the care they deserve. The bill provides \$34.2 million for the D.J. Jacobetti veterans home in Marquette and \$6.5 million for the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans to replace the current, outdated facilities.



Currently serving military personnel and veterans are eligible for a special designation vehicle license plate, indicating either the branch of the armed services or the conflict in which they served. Blue Star and Gold Star families can also obtain a special designation plate. To purchase an honorary plate, there is an additional \$5 fee on top of the normal vehicle registration.

**Public Act 143 of 2022** eliminates the \$5 for service members when purchasing an honorary license plate. The elimination of the fee is a small token of our appreciation to make these plates more accessible to the men and women who have earned the recognition these plates provide.

### WHYMI MOBILE APP

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency is offering the free WhyMI app. The app is specially designed for veterans and service members transitioning out of the military to help in planning the next phase of life.



From the real-time job board to a listing of veteran services offered in each of Michigan's 10 regions, the app offers a wide-ranging collection of veteran-specific resources. To download the WhyMI app, visit the App Store or Google Play.

# VETERANS SERVICES CONTACT INFORMATION

**Veterans:** Keep this information handy to help you access the benefits, employment, education, health care and quality of life services you have earned.

## COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES

### Alger County Department of Veterans Affairs

101 Court St., Munising, MI 49862 • Phone: 906.387.1635

### Baraga County Office of Veteran Affairs

115 N. Front St., L'Anse, MI 49946 • Phone: 906.524.5454

### Delta County Department of Veterans Affairs

2840 College Ave., Suite #2, Escanaba, MI 49829  
Phone: 906.786.7228

### Dickinson County Department of Veterans Affairs

800 Crystal Lake Blvd., Suite 100, Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
Phone: 906.774.2820

### Gogebic County Office of Veteran Services

200 N. Moore St., Bessemer, MI 49911 • Phone: 906.667.1110

### Houghton County Department of Veterans Affairs

23810 Airpark Blvd., Suite 130, Calumet, MI 49913  
Phone: 906.482.0102

### Iron County Office of Veterans Services

106 W. Genesee St., Suite 101, Iron River, MI 49935  
Phone: 906.265.3819

### Keweenaw County Department of Veterans Affairs

388 Bumbletown Road, P.O. Box 7, Allouez, MI 49805  
Phone: 906.934.2354

### Luce County Veterans Services Office

407 W. Harrie St., Newberry, MI 49868 • Phone: 906.293.4890

### Marquette County Department of Veterans Affairs

215 W. Hematite, Ishpeming, MI 49849 • Phone: 906.485.1781

### Menominee County Department of Veterans Affairs

1002 Ninth Street, Menominee, MI 49858 • Phone: 906.863.5691

### Ontonagon County Veteran Services

725 Greenland Road, Ontonagon, MI 49953 • Phone: 906.884.6204

### Schoolcraft County Department of Veterans Affairs

300 Walnut St., Room 206B, Manistique, MI 49854  
Phone: 906.341.3669

## STATE

### Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA)

Phone: 800.MICH.VET (800.642.4838)

MVAAResourceCenter@michigan.gov • Michigan.gov/mvaa  
3423 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Bldg. 32, Lansing, MI 48906

## FEDERAL

### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

MyVA411 (800.698.2411) • VA.gov

### Regional Benefit Office

McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Ave., Detroit MI 48226  
800.827.1000

Find VA Michigan Vet Center, Outpatient Clinic and  
Medical Center locations at [www.va.gov/directory/guide/state.  
asp?STATE=MI&dnum=ALL](http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?STATE=MI&dnum=ALL)

### Veterans Crisis Line

Confidential; available 24/7

800.273.8255; press 1 • Text 838255 • [www.VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net)

*Information subject to change*



## VETERANS CEMETERY IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Michigan is the only state in the Midwest that does not have a single state-owned veterans cemetery. Although we are home to a few federal cemeteries located in the southern portion of the state, there are no burial grounds dedicated to veterans in Northern Michigan.

**Senate Bill 971** would allow the Michigan Department of Veterans and Military Affairs to purchase property for a state military cemetery in Crawford County. The development of this cemetery would give Northern Michigan families access to a veteran cemetery and allow us to better honor the lives of Michiganders who have served our country.

Lawmakers have also been having discussions with local constituents regarding a proposed military cemetery in the Upper Peninsula.



## MCBROOM SUPPORTS SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE

The brave men and women who have served our country should never feel alone. The fiscal year 2023 budget includes \$1.2 million to fund a suicide prevention outreach campaign to reduce suicide among service members, veterans and their families. One life lost to suicide is too many. Caring for those who have served will always be a priority.